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CUSTOMER NUMBER 22,852

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. national phase of	)	
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Inventor: Frederik Alfried FORTIER	)	Group Art Unit:
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned	)	Examiner:
Filed: February 15, 2006	)	
For: A SUPPORT ARRANGEMENT	)	

**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.